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## Nominations Now Being Accepted for Indiana Authors Awards

Is there an emerging, regional or national author whose work you feel is deserving of recognition? If so, The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation is seeking your **nominations** for the fifth-annual Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award through **Friday, March 22, 2013**.

Any living published writer who was born in Indiana or has lived in Indiana for at least five years is eligible for nomination. A statewide panel will select a national, regional, and emerging author from nominations sent in by the public. Winning authors will each receive a cash prize ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and will be able to designate their hometown Indiana public library as the recipient of an additional \$2,500 grant. This award seeks to recognize the contributions of Indiana authors to the literary landscape in Indiana and across the nation, and is funded by The Glick Fund, a fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation.

On October 26, 2013, the Library Foundation will honor the winning authors at an Awards Dinner at the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis. More information about this event, the nomination process, and other program activities and resources is available at [indianaauthorsaward.org](http://indianaauthorsaward.org).

## National Campaign to Encourage Digital Literacy Skills



In Spring 2013, a 3-year national public service campaign to promote digital literacy will launch. The campaign is called **EveryoneOn**. The key message is to encourage people who are limited or non-Internet users, to learn how to do "one

thing better online". Public libraries are key to the success of this effort because of your demonstrated commitment to providing free access to the Internet as well as to improving people's skills (e.g. using a mouse, applying for jobs online, or creating email accounts).

Connect2Compete, the organization leading the campaign efforts, has more information [online](#), including a program updates, frequently asked questions and a pre-recorded, online session that can be helpful as a review or as additional staff become involved.

Because campaign details continue to evolve, updates will be sent as they become available. The first call to action will come later in February to update information about your library in the zip code locator tool to help people looking for digital literacy training or public access computers to see the library as a provider in their area.

*EveryoneOn* is designed to raise awareness of the importance of digital literacy skills – which libraries have embraced for years. This is a great opportunity to promote public libraries as a trusted and valuable provider of free public access technology and training as we strive to build stronger communities.

## Weekly News, Notes & Opportunities

### **NET LITERACY COMPUTERS**

The Indiana State Library and Net Literacy are offering free, rebuilt public access computers. These computers are available to any public, school, or institutional library in Indiana. Please visit Net Literacy's [website](#) to learn more about the organization and their efforts to improve digital literacy nationwide. Please

## Summer Reading Workshops Scheduled in Feb., May

Throughout February and March, join Suzanne Walker, Indiana State Library Children's Services Consultant, for one of several Collaborative Summer Reading Program training sessions offered throughout the state. These three-hour workshops worth three LEUs will discuss different ways to structure your Summer Reading Programs, event ideas for all ages, and do 2-3 hands-on activities you can use this summer.

- **2/14: Dubois Co. Contractual Public Library (PL) - Ferdinand (1:00 PM)**
- **2/22: Plymouth PL (10:00 AM)**
- **2/25: Hussey-Mayfield Memorial PL - Zionsville (9:30 PM)**
- **2/26: Noblesville PL (9:30 AM)**
- **2/27: Rushville PL (9:00 AM)**
- **2/28: Kendallville PL (10:00 AM)**
- **3/1: Ohio Township PL – Newburgh (10:00 AM-CST)**
- **3/4: Franklin PL – Brookville (9:30 AM)**
- **3/14: Muncie PL - Kennedy Branch (1:00 PM)**
- **3/18: Brazil PL (10:00 AM)**

Space may be limited at many of the locations. Registration is required via the [WebJunction Indiana Events Calendar](#).

## Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

### **Libraries and Pinterest**

When: February 8 @ 10:00 AM (CST) &

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Where: Jasper County Public Library - Wheatfield

### **Central Indiana Children's Roundtable**

When: February 11 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Morgan County Public Library - Martinsville

### **Every Child Ready to Read Workshop**

When: February 15 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Bartholomew Co. Public Library

Science Alive! draws 3,000 to downtown library  
*Terre Haute Tribune Star*  
 Vigo County Public Library program makes 'Valentines for Veterans'  
*Terre Haute Tribune Star*  
 Vigo County Public Library begins next chapter with arrival of new director  
*USA Today*  
 Tech: How to fix your biggest Internet security risk, Java  
*Washington Times Herald*  
 Former benefactor cuts ribbon on library  
*WFLI-TV (Lafayette)*  
 Monticello library to receive grant  
*WTHR-TV (Indianapolis)*  
 Retired librarian, 80, finds new adventures in retirement

**Your Library Making News?**  
**Email your news for inclusion in *The Wednesday Word***

 [SL Reference Hotline](#)

complete [this brief questionnaire](#) by February 15th to request computers for your library.

**OPEN POSITIONS AT THE STATE LIBRARY**

The Indiana State Library is seeking candidates for the following three positions: **Southwest Indiana Regional Coordinator** (Job ID: 582961 – Apply by 2/8); **Manuscripts & Rare Books Collection Supervisor** (Job ID: 582962 – Apply by 2/8); and **Professional Development Office Supervisor** (Job ID: 582978 – Apply by 2/19). Visit the State of Indiana Personnel Department’s [job bank](#) and reference each position’s respective Job ID # to apply or for more information.

**SUZANNE WALKER APPOINTED TO NATIONAL AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Suzanne Walker, Indiana State Library Children’s Services Consultant, has been named 1 of 20 reviewers for the 2013 **National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards** (NAHYP). The NAHYP Awards are the country’s highest honor for after-school arts and humanities programs that serve at-risk youth. Every year, 12 outstanding programs from across the U.S. are honored and each recipient receives a one-time \$10,000 grant.

**LSTA GRANT APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 15**

The application process is now open for the 2013 LSTA grant program. **Technology Grant**, **Digitization Grant** and ongoing grant opportunities are available for Indiana libraries, and historical and cultural organizations. If you have questions concerning 2013 LSTA grant opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Clifton, LSTA Grant Consultant, at [jclifton@library.in.gov](mailto:jclifton@library.in.gov) or (317) 234-6550.

**WELCOME NEW LIBRARY DIRECTORS**

Please join the Indiana State Library in welcoming Kristi Howe as the new Vigo County Public Library Director and Brittany Hays as the new Oxford Public Library Director. Best of luck to you both!

**Readers Advisory for Youth**

When: February 21 @ 10:00 AM  
 Where: New Albany-Floyd County Public Library

**Every Child Ready to Read Workshop**

When: March 5 @ 9:00 AM (CST)  
 Where: Jasper County Public Library - DeMotte Branch


**Discovery to Delivery IV: Connecting the Community**

When: March 8 @ 9:00 AM  
 Where: Ball State University

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